

What is claimed is:

1. A device for supporting a medical element above a bed, comprising:

a base mountable to the bed;

a clamp to hold the medical element; and

5 a rod extending between the base and the clamp to support the medical element above the bed.

2. The device of claim 1 wherein the base is adhered to the bed.

10 3. The device of claim 1 wherein the base is slidably mounted to the bed.

4. The device of claim 1 further comprising a bar connected to the bed to slidably support the base.

15 5. The device of claim 1 wherein the rod is length adjustable.

6. The device of claim 1 wherein the base is pivotally connected to the bed.

7. The device of claim 1 wherein the rod is pivotally connected to the base.

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8. The device of claim 1 further comprising a member having a foot adapted to fit beneath a mattress on the bed, a leg extending upwardly from the foot, and an arm extending outwardly from the leg and adapted to support and position the base over the mattress.

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9. The device of claim 1 wherein the rod is rigid.

10. The device of claim 1 wherein the rod is moveable between a use position and a non-use position.

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11. A medical tool support device, comprising:  
a base mountable to a bed;  
a clamp for holding the tool; and  
a rod having a first end connected to the base and a second end connected to the clamp, and  
5 being moveable between operative and inoperative positions.
12. The device of claim 11 wherein the rod is pivotal between the operative and inoperative positions.
- 10 13. The device of claim 11 wherein the base is slidably mounted to the bed.
14. The device of claim 11 wherein the rod is telescopically extensible.
15. The device of claim 11 wherein the base is adhered to the bed.
- 15 16. The device of claim 11 further comprising a bar connected to the bed to slidably support the base.
17. The device of claim 11 further comprising a member having a foot adapted to fit  
20 beneath a mattress on the bed, a leg extending upwardly from the foot, and an arm extending outwardly from the leg to support the base and thereby position the medical element over the mattress.
18. The device of claim 11 wherein the rod is rigid.
- 25 19. The device of claim 11 wherein the rod is moveable between a substantially vertical position and a substantially horizontal position.
20. The device of claim 11 wherein the rod is hooked to the base.